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THREE MEN INDICTED IN ABDUCTION/MURDER OF MPDC OFFICER'S SON

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that a federal grand jury has indicted Kenneth Jamal Lighty, age 21, of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland; Lorenzo Anthony Wilson, age 20, of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland; and James Everette Flood III, age 26, most recently of Washington, D.C. for crimes committed in connection with the January 3, 2002 kidnapping and murder of Eric Larry Hayes, II, the son of a Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia officer.

The 5 count indictment charges all three defendants with abducting Eric Larry Hayes II from the 3200 block of 8th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. by forcing Hayes at gunpoint into a Lincoln. According to the indictment, the defendants then transported Hayes to Prince George's County, Maryland where they shot Hayes several times in the face, head and limbs, causing his death.

Lighty and Wilson are currently detained on other charges. Flood was arrested and had his initial appearance today. Flood is currently scheduled to appear for a detention hearing on October 14, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

The maximum penalty for kidnapping in Count One is death and for conspiracy in Count 2 is life imprisonment. As to the three remaining counts charging the use of a firearm in a crime of violence, the mandatory minimum penalty is 7 years in prison for the first conviction and

consecutive sentences of 25 years for each subsequent conviction. There is also the possibility of a fine of up to \$250,000 for each charge.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an extensive joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, the Prince George's County Police Department, and the United States Attorney's Office with assistance from the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah A. Johnston.